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Jean Monnet called me a couple of times this morning. Kyes, Under Secretary of Defense, Jim Douglas, Under Secretary for Air, and Frank Nash are expected in Luxembourg today and Frank had asked me to arrange a meeting for them with Monnet. Unfortunately, they have now added a group of Generals and Colonels so that Monnet is at a loss to know whom he is to entertain.

Kay and Phil Graham arrived just before lunch to stay with us. [redacted] They have been spending a week in England. They are a most engaging couple and Phil's vitality is quite extraordinary as well as his frank and picturesque language. He depicts the Washington scene as being madly confused. He talked to me about the EDC and EPC to get background for the conversations he is to have privately this afternoon with Laniel and afterwards with Bidault.

Ed Martin came to see me. Amongst other subjects, he told me that Clarence Hunter, the Treasury representative at USRO, formerly chief of the MSA mission in Holland, has been asked by Dutch political friends whether it would not be possible for them to come down to Paris and state to some American officials their strong belief that the United States should not favor a Dutch withdrawal of insistence on making their entry into the European Political Community dependent upon the creation of a free trade area in the territories of the six nations.

I told Ed I thought not only should Hunter stay out of this but it would be a mistake to receive any such delegation. This whole subject was up for discussion in Rome and would later be dealt with by the Foreign Ministers at The Hague. It was quite obvious Mollet would never agree to what this group had in mind and he felt so strongly about it that he had publicly announced his Socialist votes would not be cast for the EDC if

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the EPC assumed any such obligations. As I have had in the last few days private messages from two Dutch Government officials regarding this matter, I think the less other American views are injected into it the better.

I propose to go to Holland next week and try to see Beyen at that time.

Mike Forrestal visited me. He had just come here from Rome and is going to New York the end of the week to start practising law in the firm of Shearman, Sterling and Wright. I know several of the partners in this office and the firm has a wide and profitable business. Mike is a splendid young man.

Tonight Anne O'Hare McCormick, her husband, and the Grahams had dinner with us. We talked late, mostly on the EDC, EPC, and the French political situation.

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